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OLD Stories tell how *Hercules*,
A Dragon Slew at *Lerna* :
With seven Heads, and fourteen Eyes
To see and well Discern-a.
This *Hercules* we may suppose,
Was some great Politician ;
Who wisely made the Dragons Skin
To serve for Amunition.
But we a Modern *Hercules*,
Alas ! have seen of late-a,
Who when a Monster he Engag'd
Met with a stranger Fate-a ;
For when he had this Dragon Drub'd,
And might have tane his Shin-a ;
He threw away his dreadful Club,
And helpt him up agin-a.
This shews the state of Earthly Things,
To be but very frail-a,
To let the Monsters Ears get loose,
And hold him by the Taile-a.
But as our antient Proverbs say,
What's done can ne'er be helped.
This Dragon being Pregnant then,
In private quickly Whelped.
One of my Brood, quoth hoo I give,
To you that was so kind-a,
Which as a Hostage you shall keep,
As long as I've a Mind-a.
A hundred Men of War this Whelp,
Did go away to bring Sirs :
But being of a Nature fierce,
It snap'd them by the Fingers.
Hold, says the Scaly Cub, your Hands,
I now am in my prime Sirs,
And as 'tis said was dearly bought
In ~~Charles~~ the ~~Seventh~~ time, Sirs.
Which when his Royal C***p***e itch'd,
Or did with L*** abound-a
Was to supply a leash of P****,
With forty Thousand Pound-a.
Then sure, my hoary Sir you think,
To be a very stark Ass ;
Without a good Equivalent,
To give you up my Carkass.
Perhaps you will infer, mean time,
You give me Food and Raiment :
But I must plainly tell you Sirs,
That Stoppage is no Payment.

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